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Our Case No. 0113609/002

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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John C. Hiatt, Jr., et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Jocelyn Greimel
Serial No.: 10/017,040	)	
	)	Group Art Unit No.: 3693
Filing Date: December 6, 2001	)	
	)	
For: Delayed Start Financial	)	
Instrument And Method For	)	
Converting Delayed Start	)	
Financial Instrument To A	)	
Standard Option	)	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2007 setting a shortened statutory response date of one month. As this paper is being filed on June 5, 2007, a one-month extension of time is being submitted herewith.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.